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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking
fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National
Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake
Chelan National Recreation Area.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The North Cascades complex contains 245
4 mountain lakes, of which 91 have been historically
5 stocked with fish.

6 (2) In many cases, the stocking of fish in these
7 lakes dates back to the 1800s.

8 (3) This practice has been important to the
9 economy of the area because of the recreational op-
10 portunities it creates.

11 (4) During congressional hearings on the des-
12 ignation of the North Cascades National Park, the
13 Department of the Interior indicated that the prac-
14 tice of fish stocking would be continued if the area
15 became a unit of the National Park Service system.

16 (5) Since designation of the National Park in
17 1968, the stocking of certain lakes has continued
18 under various agreements between the National
19 Park Service and the State of Washington.

20 (6) An Environmental Impact Statement com-
21 pleted by the National Park Service recommends
22 continued stocking of up to 42 of the lakes that have
23 historically been stocked with fish.

24 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to clarify
25 the continued authority of the National Park Service to
26 allow the stocking of fish in certain lakes in the North

1 Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation
2 Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

3 **SEC. 2. STOCKING OF CERTAIN LAKES IN NORTH CAS-**
4 **CADES NATIONAL PARK, ROSS LAKE NA-**
5 **TIONAL RECREATION AREA, AND LAKE CHE-**
6 **LAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-
8 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,
9 shall authorize the stocking of fish in lakes in the North
10 Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation
11 Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

12 (b) CONDITIONS.—The following conditions shall
13 apply to stocking of lakes under subsection (a):

14 (1) The Secretary is authorized to allow stock-
15 ing in not more than 42 of the 91 lakes which have
16 historically been stocked with fish.

17 (2) The Secretary shall only stock fish that
18 are—

19 (A) native to the watershed; or

20 (B) functionally sterile.

- 1 (3) The Secretary shall coordinate the stocking
2 of fish with the State of Washington.

Passed the House of Representatives June 2, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.